

United States Department of the Interior  
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*Catholic University project*

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

## 1. Name of Property

historic name O'Hare, Christopher House

other names/site number 28/33

## 2. Location

street & number 14420 Basingstroke Lane

not for publication

city or town Silver Spring

vicinity

state Maryland

code MD

county Montgomery

code 031

zip code 20905

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State of Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register  
 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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McHare House  
Name of Property

Montgomery County, MD  
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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

n/a

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Folk Houses after ca. 1850-1890  
Other: I-house  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: fieldstone  
walls BRICK and WOOD  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof METAL  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL HISTORY and ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

MID-19th CENTURY

Significant Dates

September 30, 1865-house bought by Christopher O'Hare  
1985-house bought by Martha Lanigan

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

n/a

Cultural Affiliation

n/a

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

O'Hare House  
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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** 2/3

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	Easting	Northing
2	Zone	Easting	Northing

3	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Catherine Irene Kudlik

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date May 6, 1993

street & number 15229 Centergate Drive telephone (301) 384-7064

city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20905

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name \_\_\_\_\_

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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O'Hare House  
Montgomery County, MD

Description

The O'Hare house is a mid-19th century two-and-a-half story brick (the brick is a running bond) farmhouse with a 1988 addition on the east side of the house. The house was originally not painted; this occurred around the 1940s. The main dwelling space, with a very plain facade, has a steeply pitched "A" roof and is three bays wide and two bays deep. The roof is of metal with standing seam; it is believed that the original roof was of wood. The owner felt uneasy using wood since it is more flammable than metal and was nervous about the possibility of a fire damaging the old structure. The foundation is built of fieldstone; the main orientation of the house is to the south. There is a small porch composed of a small frame and shed roof that is positioned in the front of the center bay. It covers the entrance to the house; this is typical of farmhouses built in the mid-19th century.

The front door is not the original one-nearly all the doors inside and outside were badly vandalized. It is believed that an interior door that is on the second floor is an original and all the other doors are replicas. The windows were all broken; the only original part left were the trim around the windows. Two internal chimneys occupy each end of the house. They were both rebuilt since they were about to fall. On the west side, there is no fireplace, just a chimney for a stove. There is a fireplace on the other side of the house and it has been renovated. In the back of the house (the north facade), there was an addition that was one story, two bays wide and one deep. This was torn down to give the house its original appearance as it might have been in the 19th century since it is thought that the addition was put on as late as the 1960's.

Also once existing was a one story, one bay wide and two deep frame with a shed roof wing that was to the east or right side of the main house. It has been replaced by a two story addition that is still true to the historic nature of the house. The

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wing is approximately 18' by 20'; there are ten six over six windows along the facades to match the ones on the main structure. It is made of gypsum and wood studs with a fieldstone foundation similar to the one on the older part. The exterior finish is of wood clapboard siding, painted white. It was not brick because the owner did not want the addition to look as if it was part of the original structure nor did she want it to stand out. Rather, it respects the brick structure and it remains a integral yet noticeable addition.

The interior is divided simply into five major rooms with the addition as the fifth space. All the wood on the floors are original and were once painted. The stairs, which turn left as you are walking up, are located in the center of the house, in front of the entrance door. The stairs are of original construction and the chestnut spindles are an exact replica of the only remaining spindle that was left. To the left is the parlor and to the right is the kitchen. The addition is accessible through the kitchen and it is composed of a "sun room", a bathroom, closet space and a mechanical room. Upstairs, on the left, a large room has been changed to two small bedrooms and on the right, another bedroom, only larger. The only approach to the second story of the addition is through a door in the latter bedroom. There is storage space and a modest bathroom.

Included on the property is a small brick smokehouse with a fieldstone foundation with the brick organized in an English bond and a metal standing seam roof. The brick was recently repointed and it was used as a meathouse until the 1980's. A unique root cellar which is underground with stone walls and a vaulted roof and stairs made of brick is a special feature. Vegetables and other food would be stored in this root cellar during the winter. The meathouse/smokehouse is located to the rear of the house and the root cellar to the right. An outhouse was also located in the back; unfortunately it was removed in the summer of 1985 as a result of a survey crew that was working on the surrounding construction which did not set the stakes around the wooded shed to save it. A bulldozer cleared the area and took the shed down.

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## Description (continued)

On the facade there are five six over six sash windows (the other windows along the other faces are the same). All of them were replaced during the restoration since they had been badly vandalized.

The property is surrounded by large deciduous trees and is set on a well-maintained lawn. A white wood gable surrounds the grounds. The house is in the northern Colesville area of Silver Spring and is surrounded by a community of single-family homes. The O'Hare house is in excellent condition since its renovation and addition to the east side of the house.

## Statement of Significance

### Historical Significance

Although the O'Hare house is not a distinctive or exceptional residence, it was a part of the rich and varied agricultural heritage of Montgomery County. The house represents the County's past which was once known to produce crops such as corn, wheat and tobacco, a valuable crop which provided one-fifth of the total amount that was exported from Maryland.

Early in the 18th century, Montgomery County was established and settled by men whose sole purpose was to cultivate tobacco. By the early 19th century, however, the soil was depleted of minerals and the farmers found it necessary to move west or find other means to survive. A new fertilizer (called guano from the Galapagos Islands) and establishment of new techniques that applied technology to agriculture began to alter farming considerably by the end of the 1830's through the 1850's. Wheat was grown along with corn, livestock was raised and only a few farmers still grew tobacco.

As a farm during those times, the house also experienced the changes of the times. The house is not to be singled out as a significant farmhouse in the role of the history of agriculture

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Statement of Significance (continued)

in Montgomery County; rather, its feature is that it was once a part of the fabric that composed society and the farming community of the mid-18th century.

Architectural Significance

The main features of the house are a brick smokehouse, a brick vault or "root cellar" and that the O'Hare house is possibly the only mid-19th century farmhouse that is brick as stated by the Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan. This last point is also noteworthy since before the boom of railroad systems (which was after the 1850's), many of the structures were limited to local materials, due to the weight and bulk of other building materials.

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The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission

Personal interview with owner of house, Ms. Martha Lanigan

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 96, Block 8

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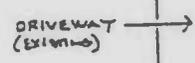
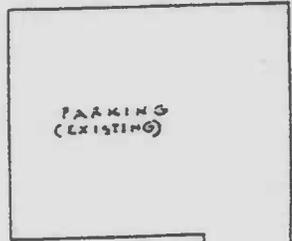
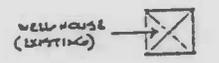
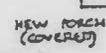
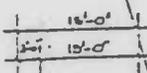
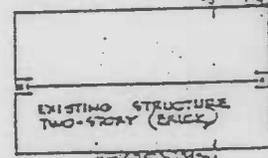
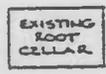
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Montgomery County, MD

Verbal Boundary Justification

The boundary included the house, the smokehouse,, the root cellar and several large trees, especially noting a very old, large Black Walnut tree. As many trees were included because of their contribution to the ambiance of the setting. The surrounding acreage that originally belonged to the O'Hare house has been subdivided and developed into a residential neighborhood.

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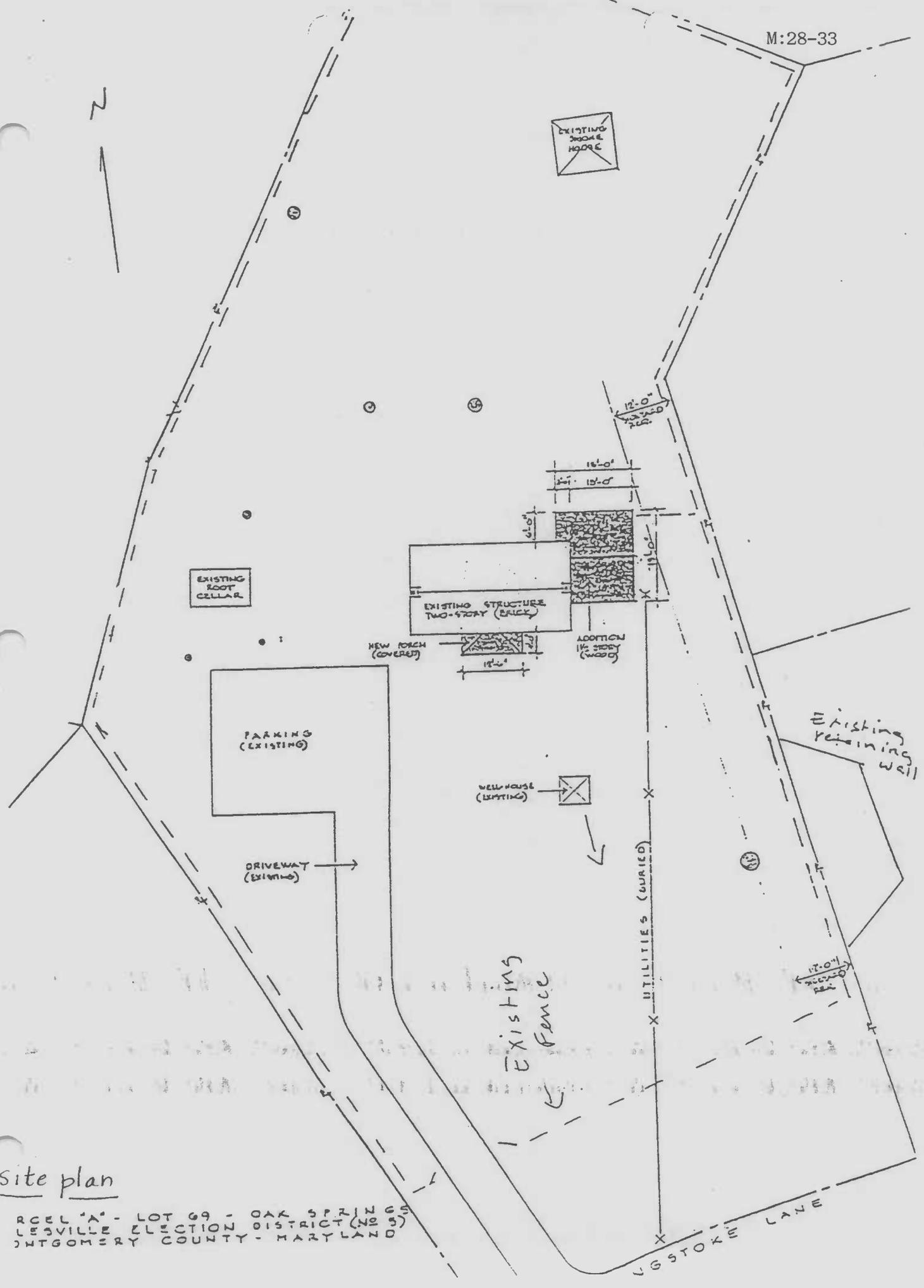
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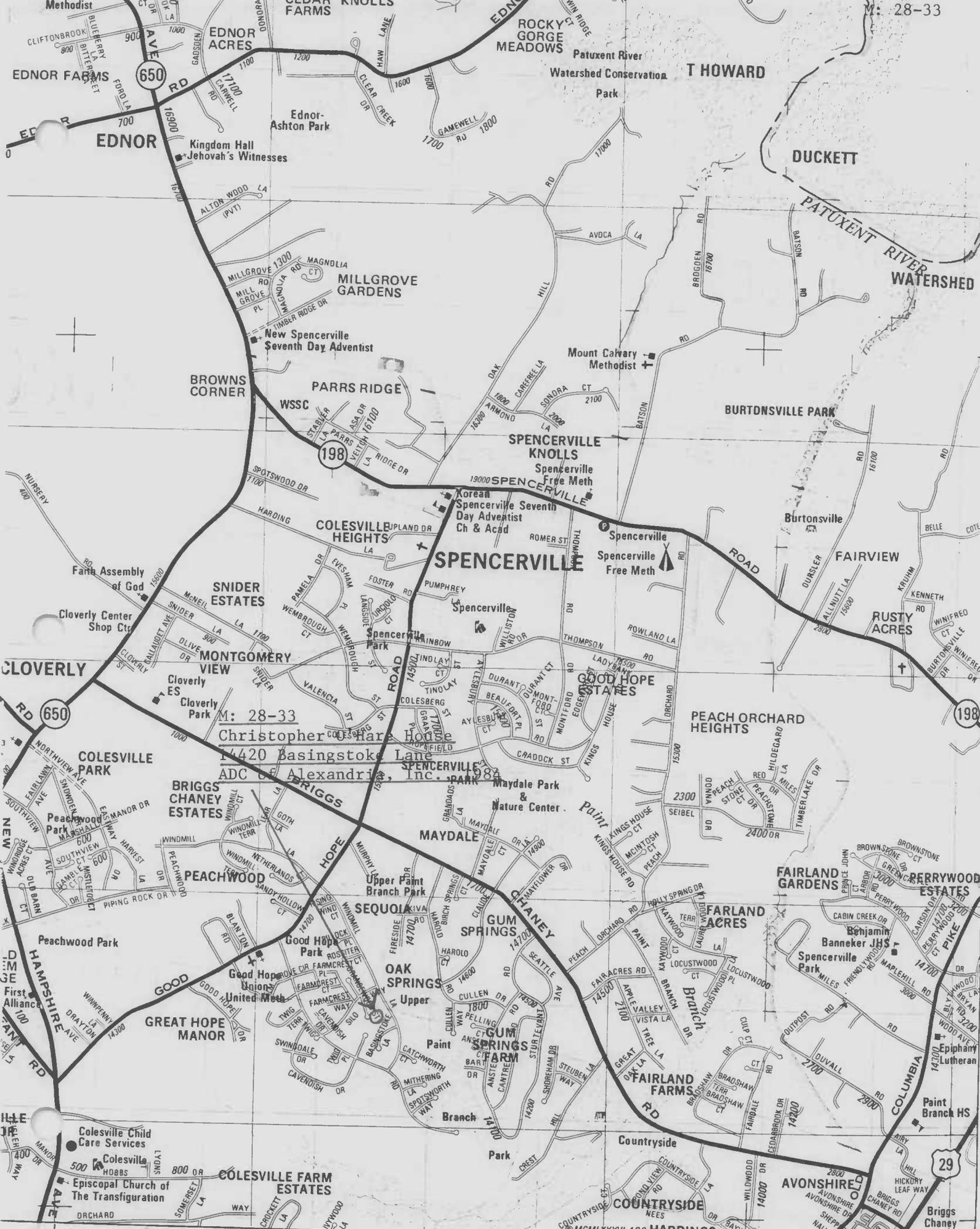
EXISTING FENCE

site plan

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LEWISVILLE ELECTION DISTRICT (NR 05)  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY - MARY LAZARUS

LGSTOKER LAKE





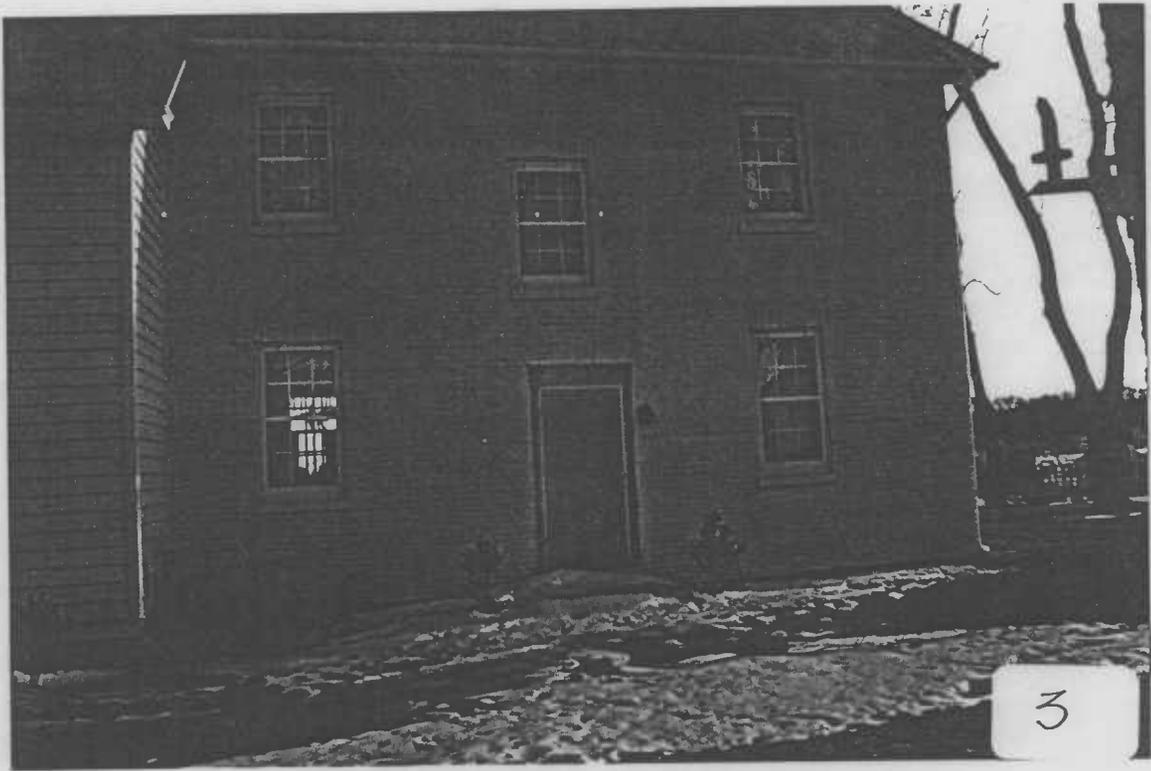
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 Spencerville, MD 21158  
 ADC of Alexandria, Inc. Park





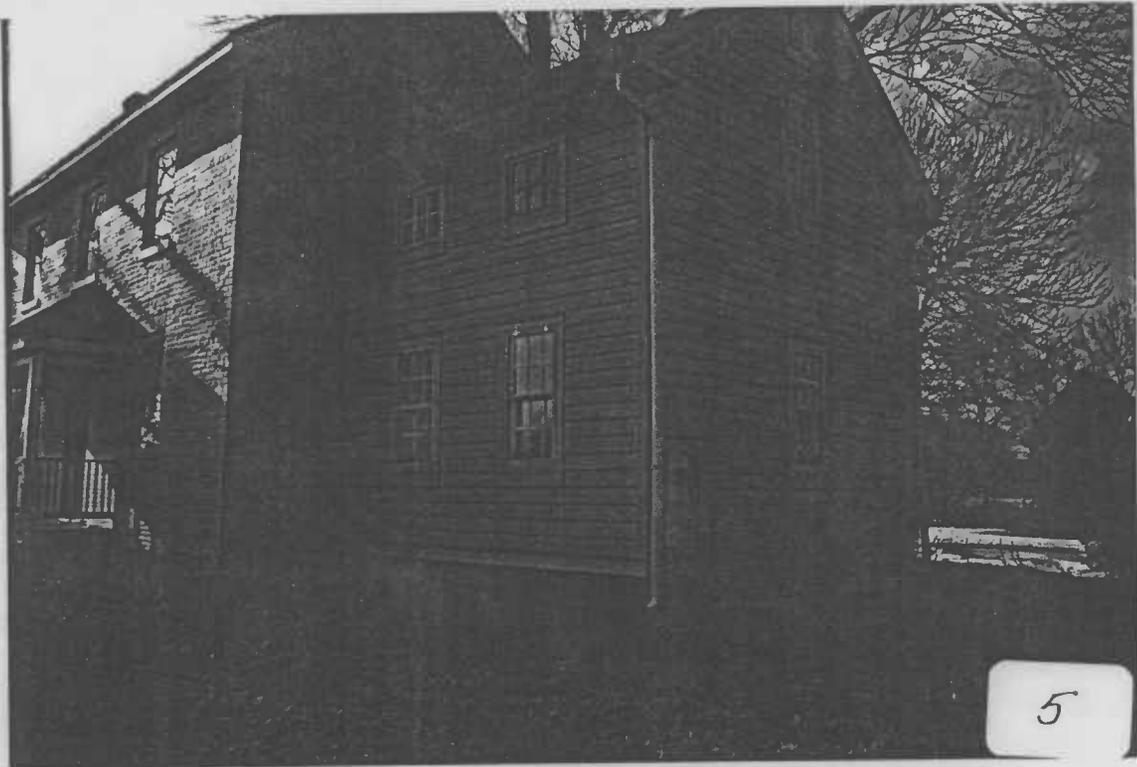
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2. Rear elevation (North side)





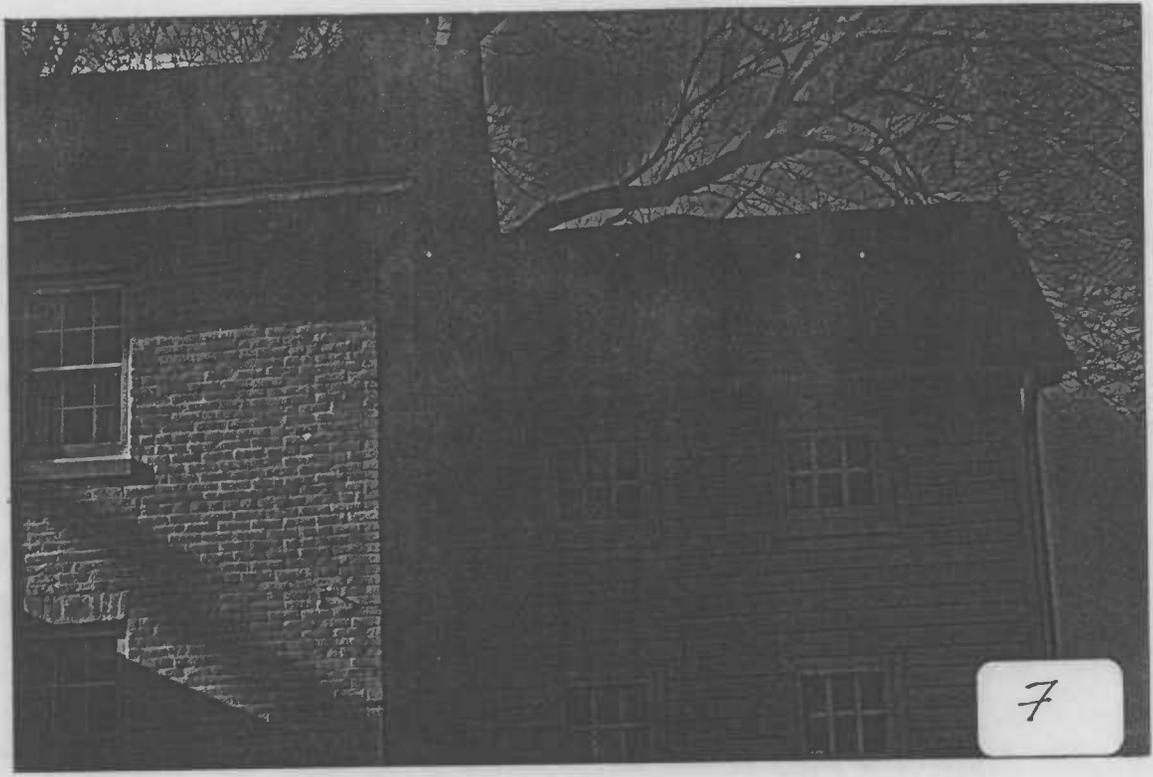
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- 4. Side elevation (West side)





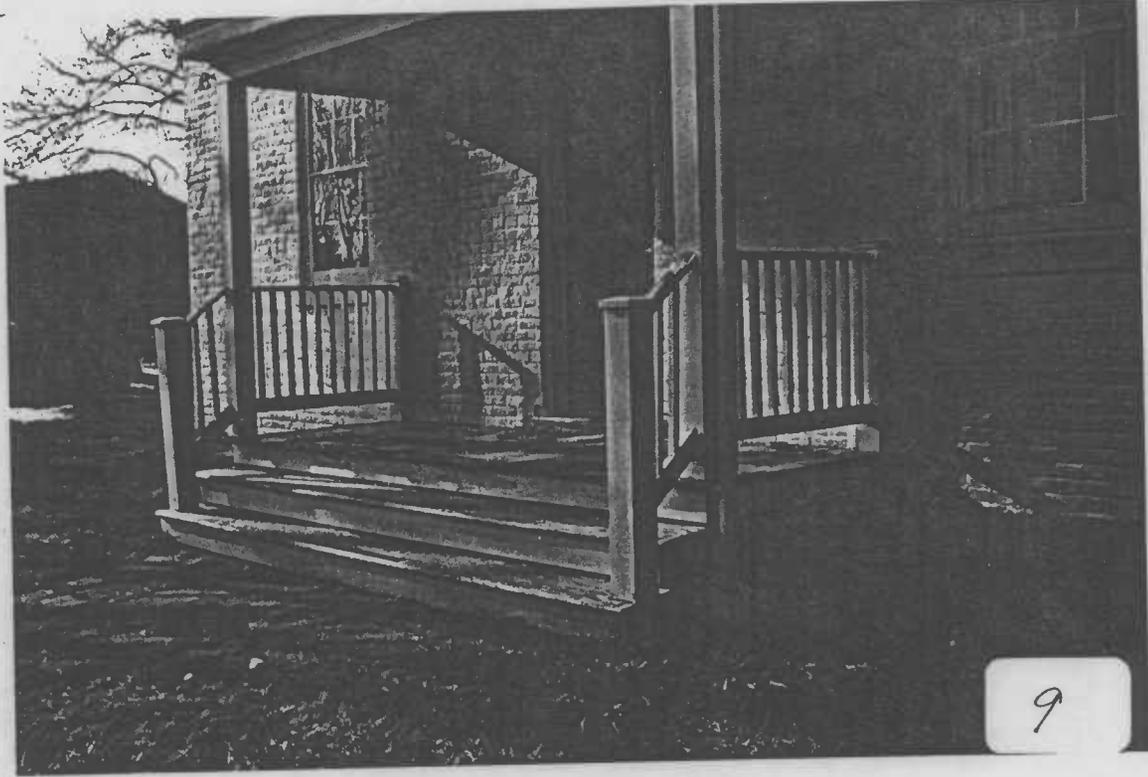
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6. Rear Elevation of  
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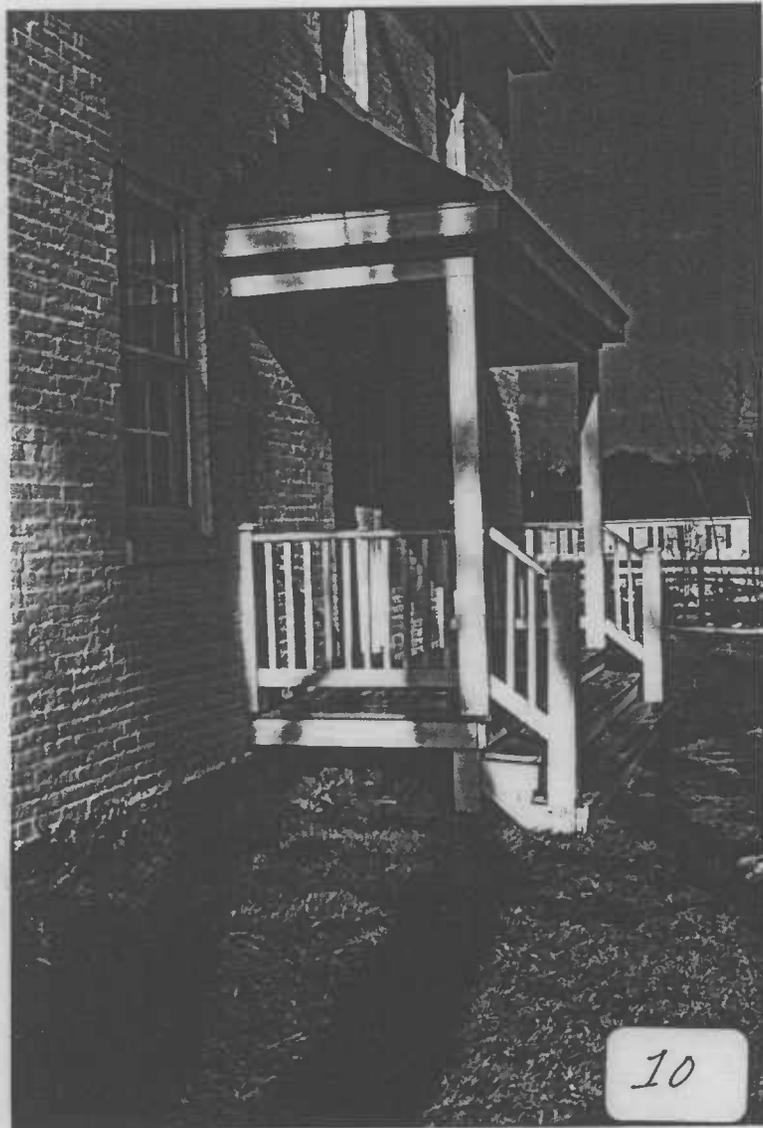


- 7. Front elevation of addition
- 8. Addition

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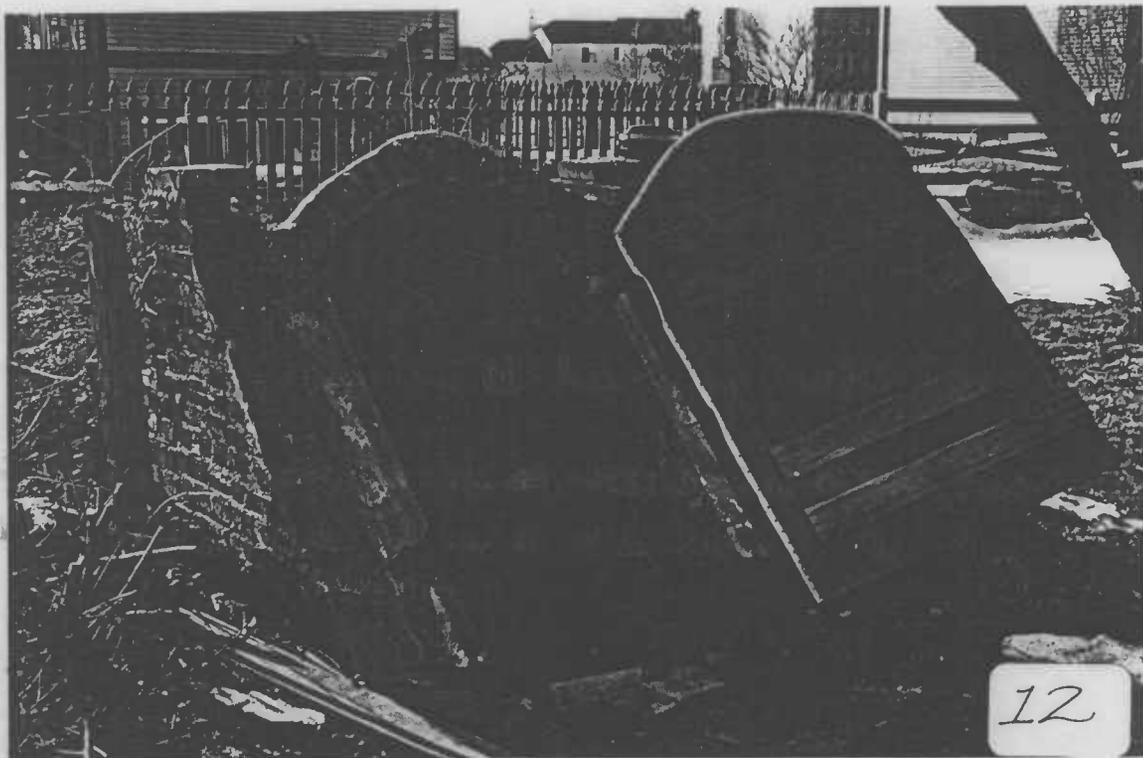
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- 9. Front porch/entrance
- 10. Front porch/entrance

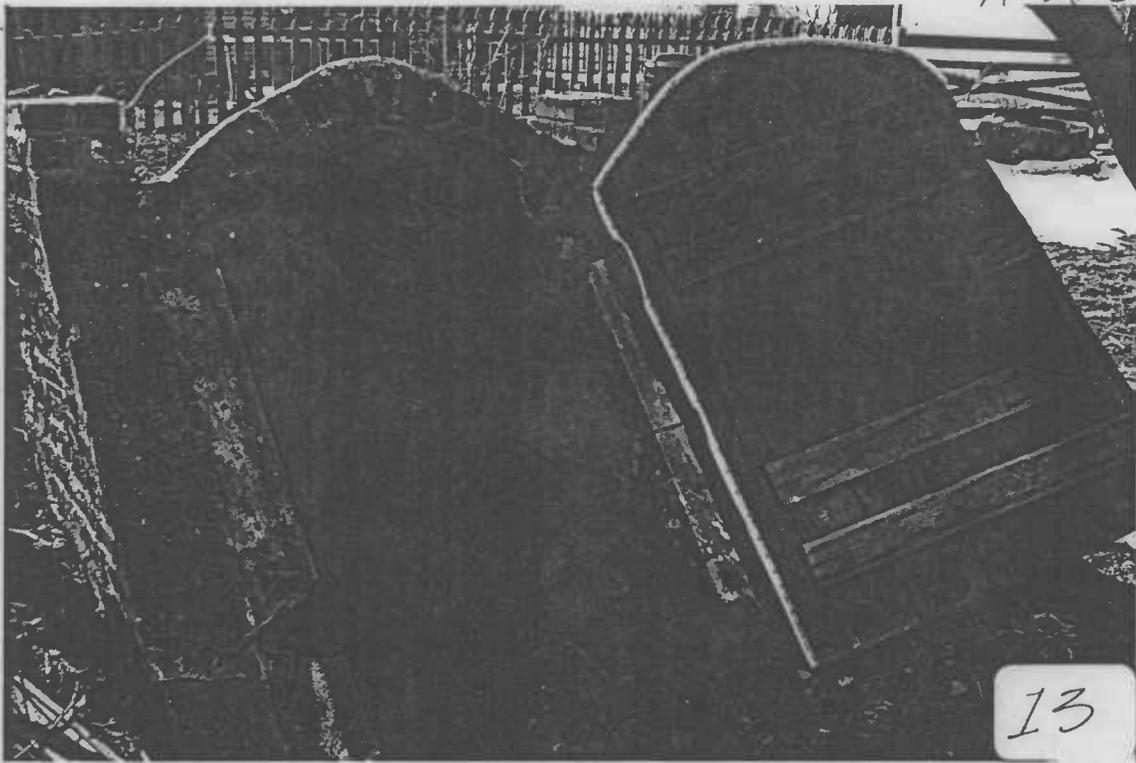


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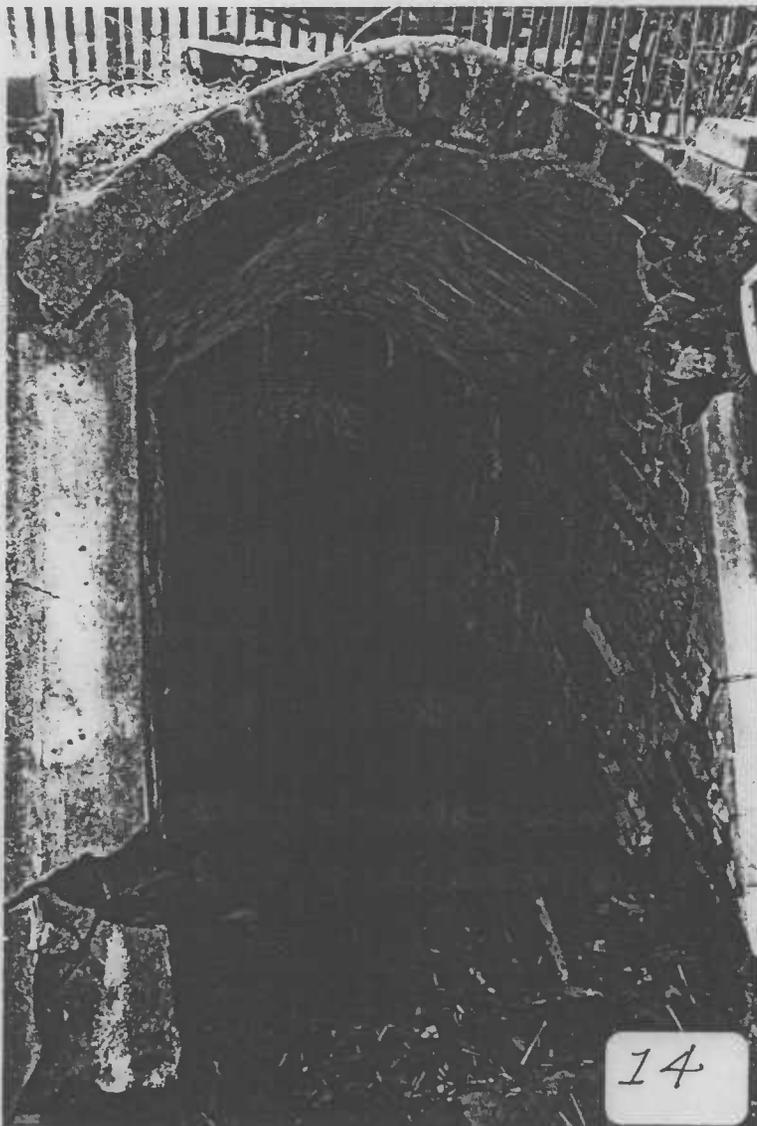
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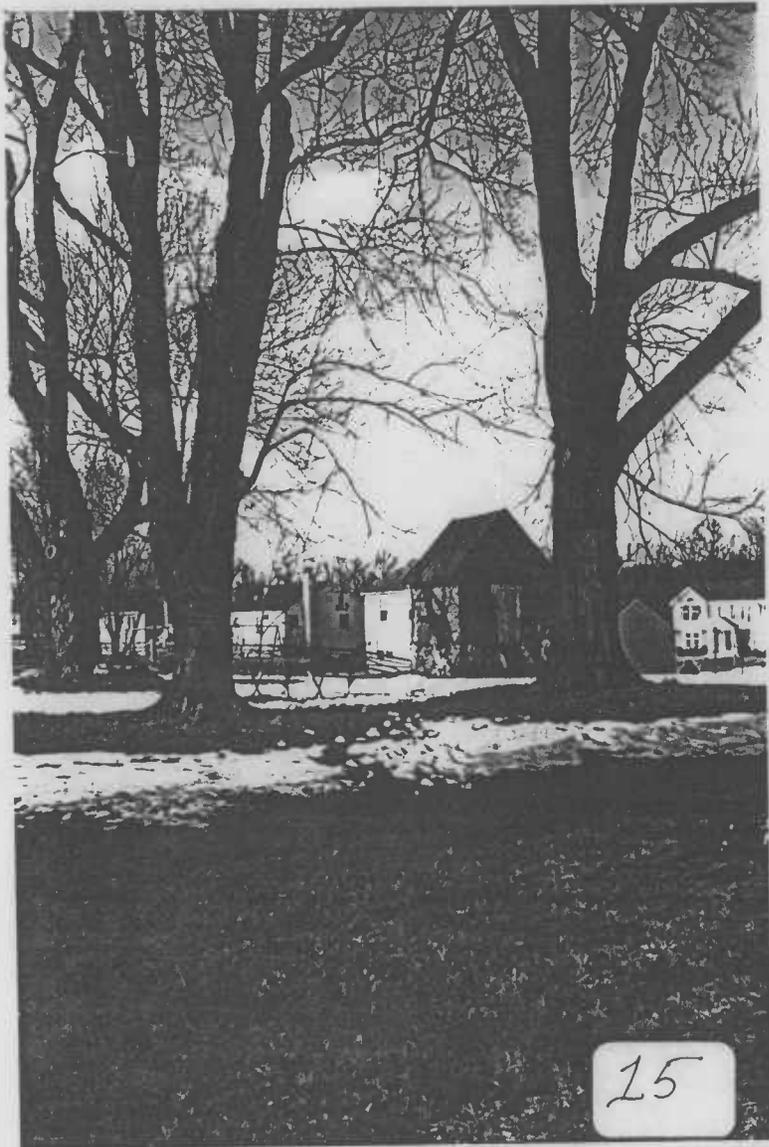
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- 13. Root Cellar
- 14. Root Cellar

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15. Smokehouse

16. Smokehouse



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18. Smokehouse

17. Smokehouse

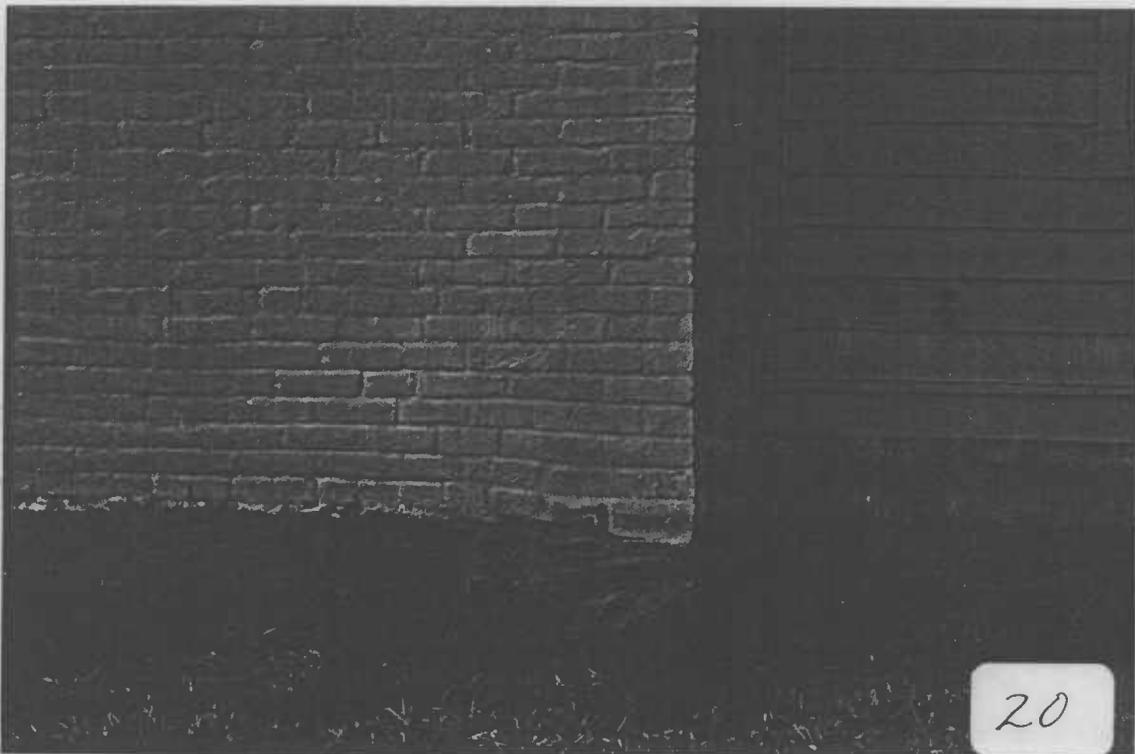


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19. Window

20. Foundation



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